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**Provisional agenda for the forty-third
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Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Priority theme: review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
 - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
 - (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
 - (ii) *World Youth Report 2005*;
 - (c) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
 - (a) Programme performance and implementation for the biennium 2002-2003;
 - (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007;
 - (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session.





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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

Benin: draft resolution

Celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

"Celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

"The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990, 46/92 of 16 December 1991, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002 and 58/15 of 3 December 2003 concerning the proclamation, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family,

"Recalling also that major United Nations instruments on human rights and social policy, as well as relevant global plans and programmes of action, call for the widest possible protection and assistance to be accorded to the family,



"Noting that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the world conferences of the 1990s and their follow-up processes continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

"Recognizing that the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family provided a useful opportunity for drawing further attention to the objectives of the Year for increasing cooperation on family issues at all levels,

"Also recognizing the commendable efforts made by Governments at the local and national levels in carrying out specific programmes concerning the family,

"Convinced that equality between women and men and respect for the human rights of all family members is essential to family well-being and to society at large, and noting the importance of reconciliation of work and family life,

"Aware that families are affected by social and economic changes, manifested as observable worldwide trends, and that the causes and consequences of those trends concerning families have to be identified and analysed,

"Noting with concern the devastating effects of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) pandemic on family life, and urging the international community to address family-related concerns within the framework of the commitments undertaken, as agreed in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth special session in June 2001,¹

"Recognizing the important role of non-governmental organizations, at both the local and national levels, working in the interest of families,

"Aware that there is a need for inter-agency cooperation in the field of families to generate greater awareness of family issues among the governing bodies of the United Nations system,

"Recalling that the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family will be celebrated during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

"1. Decides that the follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family will be an integral part of the agenda and the multiyear programme of work of the Commission on Social Development until 2006;

"2. Urges Governments to continue to take sustained actions at all levels concerning family issues, including studies and research, to promote the role of families in development and to develop concrete measures and approaches to address national priorities to deal with family issues;

¹ Resolution S-26/2.

"3. *Invites* Governments to continue their actions to build family-friendly societies, inter alia, by promoting the rights of individual family members, in particular gender equality and the rights of the child;

"4. *Emphasizes* that the active participation and involvement of non-governmental organizations as partners should be encouraged, in order to benefit from their experience and grass-roots links to promote local and national participation and action;

"5. *Calls upon* research and academic institutions to continue to play a valuable role in the family-policy process at all levels, particularly in improving knowledge and information on families;

"6. *Recommends* that all relevant actors, including Governments, research and academic institutions and civil society, contribute to developing strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening the economic and sustainable livelihood of families;

"7. *Urges* that more inter-agency cooperation and a wide range of activities be undertaken by the United Nations system in the area of the family;

"8. *Notes with appreciation* the study entitled 'Major trends affecting families worldwide', which provides a framework for the future activities of the programme on the family of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat;

"9. *Encourages* the regional commissions to promote further the exchange of experience at the subregional and regional levels and to encourage coordination of efforts among regional intergovernmental organizations, for example by establishing or strengthening regional-level working groups and structures for coordination purposes, by providing support for non-governmental efforts, as well as by providing technical assistance, including advisory services, to Governments;

"10. *Ensures* that the programme on the family shall continue its lead entity role, in cooperation with Governments, the United Nations system and civil society, in strengthening national capacities through the implementation of the mandated objectives of the International Year of the Family, entailing, inter alia, the provision of technical assistance to national coordination mechanisms, diagnostic studies, exchanges of expertise and experiences on salient family issues, research and data collection, information dissemination and policy and programme coordination within and outside the United Nations system;

"11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to:

"(a) Give appropriate consideration to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family by preparing the observance of the International Day of Families on 15 May 2004 and by taking appropriate steps to promote the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

"(b) Initiate a research agenda on family concerns, including balancing work and familial responsibilities, fatherhood, changes in the family and society, the family as a source of cohesion, families as income-generating enterprises, analysis of family legislations, and family as caregiver;

"(c) Continue to utilize the United Nations Trust Fund to support national actions and projects that directly promote the objectives of the International Year in the developing countries, especially in the least developed countries, and build national capacities for long-term family-oriented policies, including support for research, data collection, information exchange and experience sharing between countries on family issues;

"(d) Incorporate a capacity-building component in the programme on the family to provide advisory services, to assist Governments in integrating family-related programmes into national development strategies and facilitating the implementation and evaluation of national family-related policies and programmes within the framework of the objectives of the International Year;

"(e) Integrate a report on the implementation of the present resolution in the report on the implementation of resolution 58/15 at the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly."

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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-second session**Draft report**

Rapporteur: Mr. Carlos Enrique **García González** (El Salvador)

Chapter ____**Organization of the session****A. Opening and duration of the session**

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-second session at United Nations Headquarters on 21 February 2003 and from 4 to 13 February 2004. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ____).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

3. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that "the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau". In pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation at its 1st meeting, on 21 February 2003:



Chairperson:

Jean-Jacques Elmiger (Switzerland)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Darmansjah Djumala (Indonesia)

Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic)

4. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February 2004, the Commission was advised that Mr. Djumala had resigned as Vice-Chairperson.

5. Accordingly, the Commission proceeded to elect the following three members by acclamation as Vice-Chairpersons, thus completing the election of the Bureau for the forty-second session:

Prayono Atiyanto (Indonesia)

Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador)

Mwelwa C. Musambachime (Zambia)

6. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2004/L.1/Rev.1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Priority theme: improving public-sector effectiveness;
 - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
 - (i) Tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;
 - (ii) Equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities;
 - (iii) Modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
 - (c) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development: international migration and migrants from a social perspective.
4. Programme questions.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-second session.

8. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2004/L.1/Rev.1.

E. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-second session is contained in annex ____ to the present report.



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**Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development
and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes
of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities**

**Chile,* Guatemala, Mexico, New Zealand,* Nicaragua* and Romania:
draft resolution**

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which the Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee, open to the participation of all Member States and observers to the United Nations, to consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, based on the holistic approach in the work carried out in the fields of social development, human rights and non-discrimination and taking into account the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/12 of 21 July 2003 on a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.



"Recalling further General Assembly resolution 58/246 of 23 December 2003, by which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee will start the negotiations on a draft convention at its third session,

"Welcoming the important contributions made so far to the Ad Hoc Committee by all stakeholders,

"Welcoming also the progress made in the Working Group established by the Ad Hoc Committee in preparing a draft text which would be the basis for negotiations on a draft convention in the Ad Hoc Committee, taking into account all contributions,

"Encouraging Member States and observers to participate actively in the Ad Hoc Committee in order to present to the General Assembly, as a matter of priority, a draft text of a convention,

"Reaffirming the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the need for persons with disabilities to be guaranteed their full enjoyment without discrimination,

"Taking note with satisfaction of the positive steps taken by Governments in order to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

"Encouraged by the increased support of the international community for the promotion and protection of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities under a comprehensive and integral approach,

"1. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to continue to contribute to the process of negotiation of a draft international convention by, inter alia, providing its views regarding the social development perspective, bearing in mind the experience in the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities¹ and the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;²

"2. *Welcomes* the contributions of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission to the process of negotiation of a draft convention and requests the Special Rapporteur further to contribute and participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, bearing in mind the experience in the monitoring of the Standard Rules and in collaboration with the Secretariat by, inter alia, providing her views on the elements to be considered in the convention and promoting awareness about the process among Governments and civil society;

"3. *Requests* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, through its Division for Social Policy and Development, to continue to support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur and other relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, through, inter alia, the organization of experts meetings and the provision of information on issues related to the international convention, including national and international experiences and norms and standards on disabilities, as appropriate;

¹ General Assembly resolution 48/96, annex.

² A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

"4. *Underlines* the importance of strengthening the cooperation and coordination between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in order jointly to support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

"5. *Invites* bodies, organs and entities of the United Nations system, including the funds and programmes, particularly those working in the fields of social and economic development and human rights, within their respective mandates, to continue to provide suggestions about elements for a convention;

"6. *Also invites* non-governmental organizations, national disability and human rights institutions and independent experts with an interest in the matter to continue to make available to the Ad Hoc Committee suggestions and possible elements to be included in proposals for a convention;

"7. *Encourages* the relevant bodies of the United Nations to continue to promote and support the active participation of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in the process of elaboration of an international convention in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 56/510 of 23 July 2002 and 57/229 of 18 December 2002, and requests the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures, modalities and supportive measures for their participation in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

"8. *Invites* Governments, civil society and the private sector to contribute to the voluntary fund established by the General Assembly to support the participation of non-governmental organizations and experts from developing countries, in particular from the least developed countries, in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

"9. *Stresses* the need for additional efforts to ensure accessibility with reasonable accommodation regarding facilities and documentation at the United Nations for all persons with disabilities in accordance with General Assembly decision 56/474 of 23 July 2002;

"10. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Special Rapporteur to report to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution."



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**Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development
and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes
of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities**

**Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of
informal consultations**

Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities, and protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the obligations contained in relevant human rights instruments,

"Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and 56/115 of 19 December 2001,

"Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, 57/229 of 18 December 2002, in which it sought views on proposals for a convention, and 58/246 of 26 November 2003, by which it decided that the Ad Hoc Committee will start the negotiations on a draft convention at its third session,



"Recalling its resolution 2002/26 of 24 July 2002 on further promotion of the equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/49 of 23 April 2003¹ on the human rights of persons with disabilities, and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the views of Governments on the proposals contained in the report of the former Special Rapporteur on Disability, especially on the suggested supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,² as well as the views expressed during the forty-second session of the Commission for Social Development;

"2. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development undertaken in accordance with section IV of the Standard Rules;

"3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it consider, at its fifty-ninth session, the suggested supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities contained in the report of the Secretary-General,³ with a view to adopting a supplement to the Standard Rules;

"4. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur on Disability to contribute to the consideration of the suggested supplement by providing her views on possible elements reflecting new developments and requests the Secretary-General to make her views available to all Member States and observer States;

"5. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur, assisted by the Secretariat and in consultation with the panel of experts, to prepare a report on the result of the monitoring on the implementation of the Standard Rules, for submission to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session;

"6. *Encourages* Governments, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability in order to support the activities of the Special Rapporteur as well as new and expanded initiatives to strengthen national capacities for equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities."

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 3 (E/2003/23), chap. II, sect. A.*

² E/CN.5/2004/4.

³ *Ibid.*, annex.



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**Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development
and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes
of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid
International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002**

**Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Carlos
Enrique García González (El Salvador), on the basis of informal consultations**

Modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on ageing and on preparations for the
Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recalling also all resolutions of the General Assembly on ageing and on the
International Year of Older Persons,

Recalling further that the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing,
2002,¹ adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to
12 April 2002, requested the systematic review of its implementation by Member
States as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older
persons and that the modalities of review and appraisal should be decided as soon as
possible,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in its resolution 58/134 of 26
November 2002, requested the Commission for Social Development to address the
issue of the periodicity and the format of the review of the implementation of the
Madrid Plan of Action at its forty-second session, taking into account the provisions
of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

¹ *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations
publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.



Also bearing in mind that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a "bottom-up" approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat on modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,²

1. *Reiterates* its call to all actors at all levels, as appropriate, to participate in the implementation of and follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;¹
2. *Decides* to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years, with each review and appraisal cycle to focus on one of the priority directions identified in the Madrid Plan of Action;
3. *Encourages* Member States to establish or strengthen, as appropriate, a national coordinating body or mechanism aimed at facilitating the implementation, including its review and appraisal of and dissemination of information about the Madrid Plan of Action;
4. *Also encourages* Member States to include both ageing-specific policies and ageing-mainstreaming efforts in their review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action and in their national strategies, bearing in mind the importance of mainstreaming ageing into global agendas;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, to facilitate and promote the Madrid Plan of Action, including by making proposals for the design of guidelines for policy development and implementation, advocating means to mainstream ageing issues into development agendas, engaging in dialogue with civil society and the private sector and promoting information exchange;
6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to propose guidelines for the review and appraisal process, taking into account the views of Member States, civil society and the private sector, including a proposal for a specific theme emanating from the Madrid Plan of Action for the first review and appraisal cycle;
7. *Requests* the United Nations regional commissions, within their mandates, to promote and facilitate the implementation, review and appraisal of and dissemination of information about the Madrid Plan of Action at the regional level, inter alia, by assisting national institutions, at their request, in implementation and monitoring of their actions on ageing, and stresses that such regional implementation strategies should take into account initiatives currently under way in a number of regions;
8. *Requests* the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to actively support national efforts of review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action by providing, upon request, and among other things, technical assistance for capacity-building, including for the development of modalities for disaggregating population data and statistics by age and sex;

² E/CN.5/2004/6.

9. *Encourages* the United Nations funds and programmes, within their mandates, to continue integrating ageing, including from a gender perspective, in their programmes and projects, including at country level, where appropriate, and to report on their progress in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward his report on the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action to the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development in 2005.
